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Quick Installation Guide

AC1200 Wireless
Dual Band Gigabit Router

Archer C5

7106505507   REV2.1.0

Typical Connection
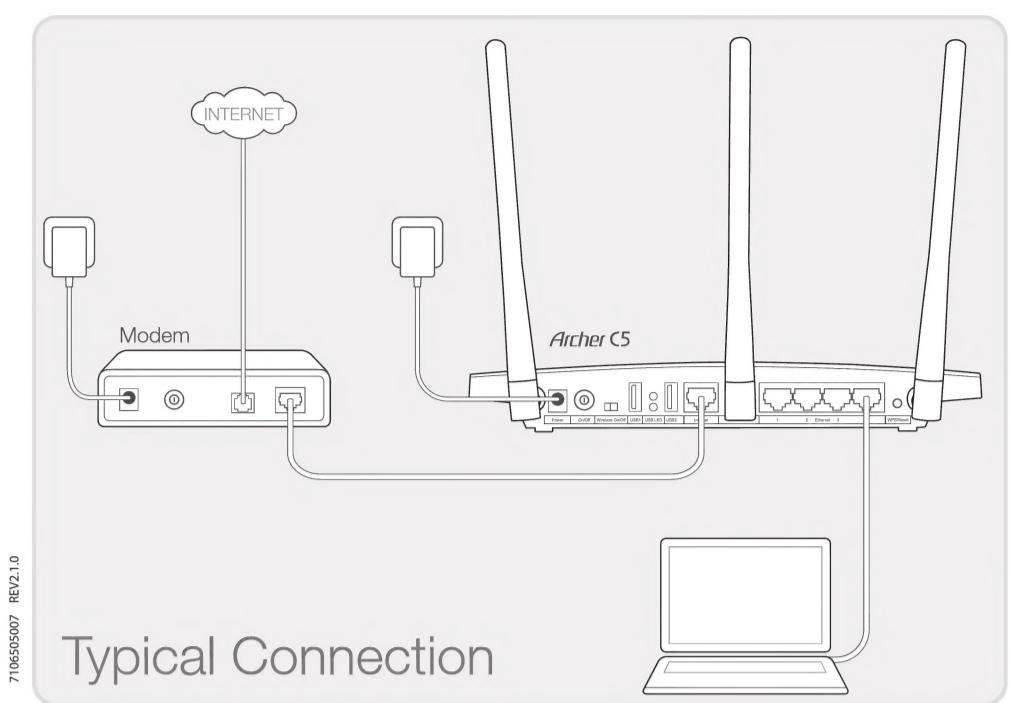
1. Connect the Hardware

1 **Power off** the modem, and remove the backup battery if any.
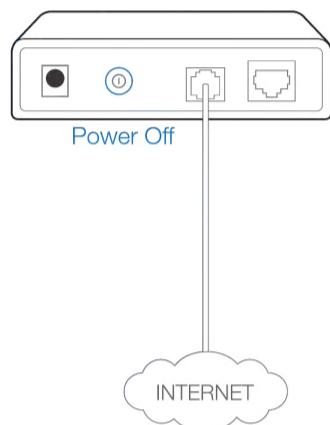
Power Off

INTERNET

2 Connect the modem to the Internet port on your router with an Ethernet cable.

INTERNET
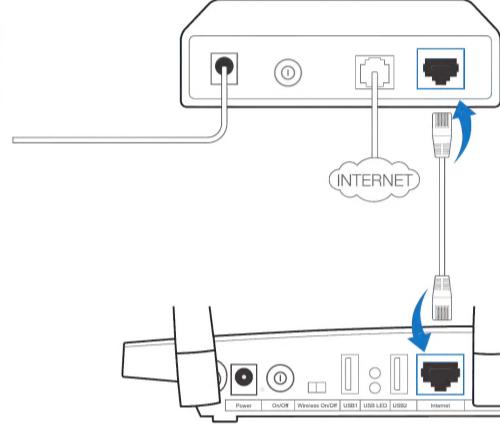
3 **Power on** the modem, wait for 2 minutes and then **power on** the router.

Power On

INTERNET

Power On
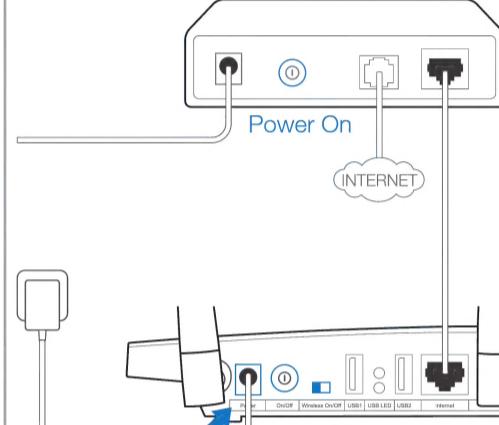
4 Check the following LEDs to ensure the hardware connection is correct.

| Power On | System Flashing | 2.4G Flashing | 5G Flashing | Internet On/Flashing |
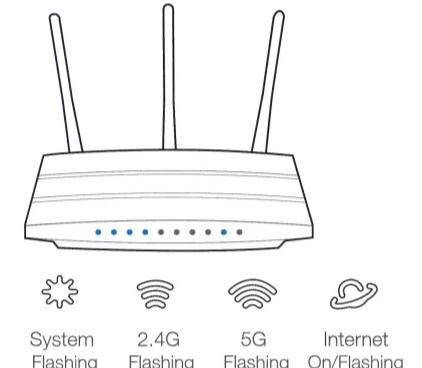
Note: If the 2.4G and 5G LEDs are not flashing, please verify that the wireless switch on the rear panel of the router is on.

Note: If your Internet comes via an Ethernet cable from the wall instead of any DSL/Cable/Satellite modems, please connect the Ethernet cable directly to the router's Internet port.

2. Configure the Router

Method 1 Via Web Browser

*1* Connect your computer to the router (Wired or Wireless).

• Wired

Ethernet cable
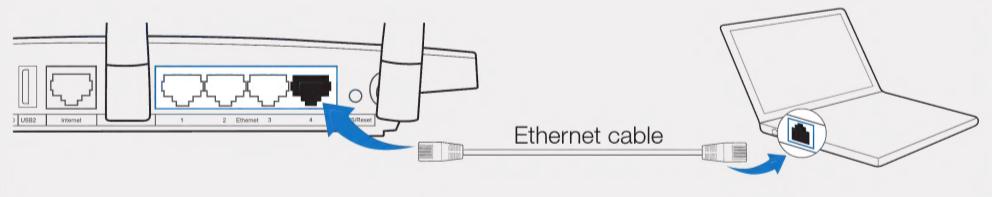
Or

• Wireless

Connect wirelessly by using the default network name (SSID) and password printed on the product label at the bottom of the router.

2 Open a web browser on the computer and configure the router according to the following main clues.

a Enter **http://tplinkwifi.net** in the address bar.

http://tplinkwifi.net

Type in **admin** for both the user name and password and click **Login**.

Note: If the login window does not appear, please refer to FAQ->Q1.

admin
admin
Login

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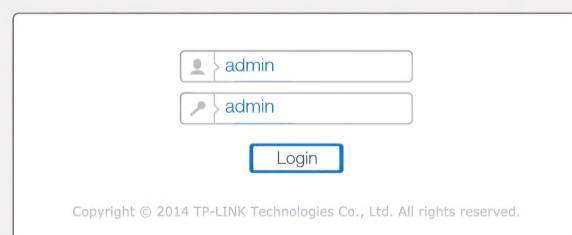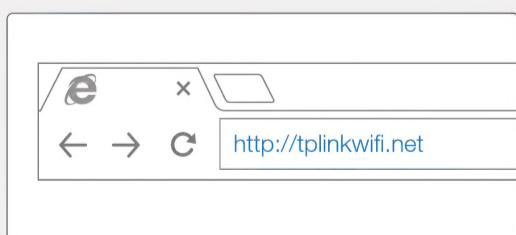
b Select your WAN Connection Type, or click **Auto-Detect** if you are unsure what your connection type is. Click **Next** and follow the instructions to continue.

Note: If an Internet connection is already established, the Quick Setup wizard will bypass Step **b** and go to Step **c**.

Quick Setup-WAN Connection Type
- Auto-Detect
- Dynamic IP (Most Common Cases)
- Static IP
- PPPoE/Russian PPPoE
- L2TP/Russian L2TP
- PPTP/Russian PPTP
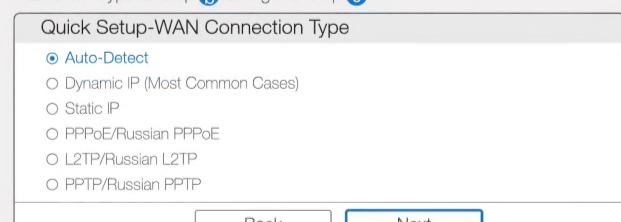
Back   Next

c Choose the frequency you prefer and then click **Next**.

Quick Setup-Wireless Dual Band Selection
- Concurrently with 2.4GHz and 5GHz (802.11a/b/g/n/ac)
- Only work in 2.4GHz (802.11b/g/n)
- Only work in 5GHz (802.11a/n/ac)
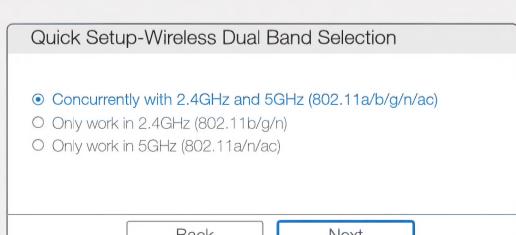
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d Verify or change the wireless network settings, and click **Next**.

Note: You may customize your 2.4GHz/5GHz wireless network name and password. Once done, the wireless connection will disconnect automatically, and you must then use the new wireless network name/password to regain access to the Internet.

2.4GHz & 5GHz Wireless Network Name and Password
Wireless Network Name: TP-LINK_XXXX / TP-LINK_XXXX_5G
Region:
Warning:
Wireless Security:
PSK Password: XXXXXXXX

Back   Next

e Click **Finish** to complete the setup.

Quick Setup-Finish

Congratulations!

Back   Finish
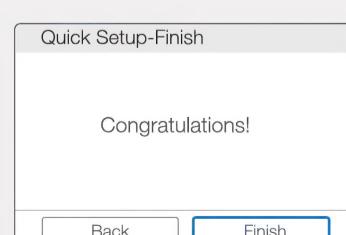
☺ **Enjoy!**

Now your wired and wireless devices can connect to the Internet !

Method 2 Via CD Setup Wizard

Note: If you are using a computer that cannot run the mini CD, please refer to Method 1 for configuration.

*1* Insert the TP-LINK Resource CD into the CD-ROM drive.
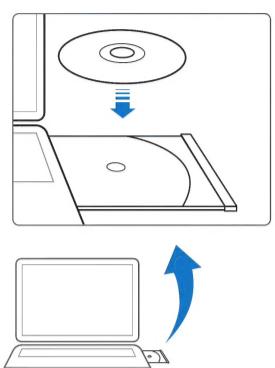
*2* Select Archer C5 and then click **Easy Setup Assistant**.

Note: If the main page does not display on your computer, browse the files on the CD and double click Autorun.exe.

Archer C5
- Easy Setup Assistant
- USB Printer Setup
- User Guide
- Application Guide

▶ Browse CD   ⓘ EXIT

3 Choose your language, click **START** and the Easy Setup Assistant will guide you through the setup process.

- Welcome
- Install Router
- Configure Router
- Confirm Settings

Choose your language:
English ▾

▶ START   ⓘ EXIT

4 Click **FINISH** to complete the setup.

- Welcome
- Install Router
- Configure Router
- Confirm Settings

Congratulations!

ⓘ FINISH

☺ Enjoy!
Now your wired and wireless devices can connect to the Internet !
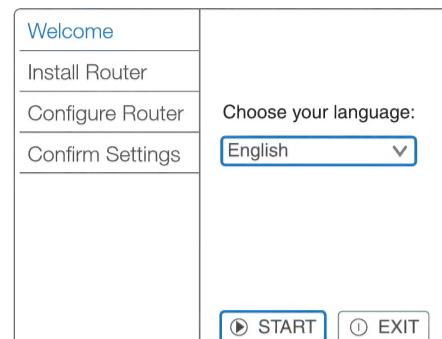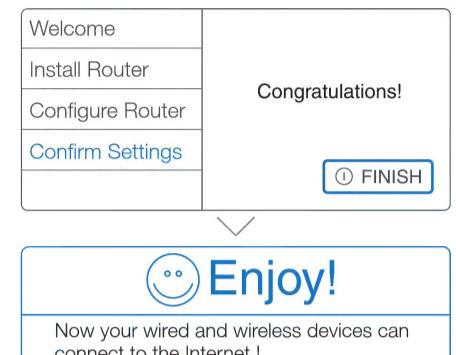
Tether App

TP-LINK's Tether App lets you manage the router on smart devices. You can:

- View the information about wireless clients.
- Parent-control your kid's access to the Internet.
- Block or Unblock wireless access to the Internet via the router.
- Configure some basic settings for the router.

Then, how to start?

1 Scan the QR code and download the TP-LINK Tether App from App Store or Google Play.

2 Ensure your smart device is wirelessly connected to the router.

3 Launch the Tether App, and enjoy the easy management of the router.

USB Features

The dual USB ports can be used for media sharing, storage sharing and print sharing across your local network. You can also set up an FTP server to access your files remotely through the Internet.

Note: To learn more about the USB features, please visit the website http://tp-link.com/app/usb, retrieve the Resource CD attached in the package, or simply scan the QR code with your smart devices.

Twin USB sharing ports

- Remote Access via FTP Server
- Media Sharing
- Local Storage Sharing
- Printer Sharing

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1. What can I do if the login window does not appear?

A1. If the computer is set to a static or fixed IP address, change it to obtain an IP address automatically.
A2. Verify that 'http://tplinkwifi.net' is correctly entered in the web browser. Alternatively, enter 'http://192.168.0.1' in the web browser and press 'Enter'.
A3. Use another web browser and try again.
A4. Reboot your router and try again.
A5. Disable the network adapter used currently and then enable it again.

Q2. What can I do if I cannot access the Internet?

A1. Check if the Internet is working properly by connecting a computer directly to the modem via Ethernet cable. If not, contact your Internet Service Provider.
A2. Open a web browser, enter 'http://tplinkwifi.net' and try to set up again.
A3. Reboot your router and try again.

Note: For cable modem users, reboot the modem first. If the problem still exists, go to Network>MAC Clone, then click Clone MAC Address and Save.

MAC Clone
WAN MAC Address: xx-xx-xx-xx-xx-xx   Restore Factory MAC
Your PC's MAC Address: xx-xx-xx-xx-xx-xx   Clone MAC Address
Save

Q3. How do I restore the router to its factory default settings?

A1. While the router is powered on, press and hold the 'WPS/Reset' button on the rear panel of the router for approximately 8 seconds.

A2. Log in Web Management page of the router, and go to System tools->Factory Defaults, click Restore, then wait until the progress bar loading finished.

WPS/Reset Button
Press & Hold 8 seconds
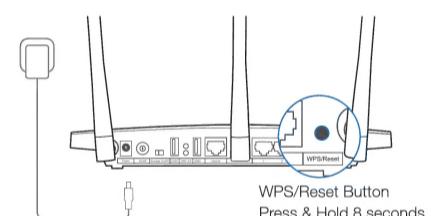
Q4. What can I do if I forget my password?

- Web Management page password:
A. Restore the router to its factory default settings and then use the default User Name 'admin' and Password 'admin' to log in.

- Wireless Network password:
A1. The factory default password can be found on the product label printed on the bottom of the router.
A2. If you have changed your password, log in to the router's Web Management page, go to Wireless>Wireless Security to obtain or reset your password.

Note: If your questions are not answered here, please refer to http://www.tp-link.com/en/support/faq and click Contact Technical Support for further assistance.

LED Indicators

	Name	Status	Indication
⏻	(Power)	Off	Power is off.
		On	Power is on.
⚙	(System)	Off	The router has a system error.
		On	The router is initializing or maybe has a system error.
		Flashing	The router is working properly.
📶	(Wireless 2.4GHz)	Off	The wireless 2.4GHz band is disabled.
		Flashing	The wireless 2.4GHz band is working properly.
📶	(Wireless 5GHz)	Off	The wireless 5GHz band is disabled.
		Flashing	The wireless 5GHz band is working properly.
⊟	(Ethernet)	Off	No device is connected to the corresponding port.
		On	There is device(s) connected to the corresponding port(s) but no activity.
☁	(Internet)	Flashing	There is device(s) connected to the corresponding port(s) and active.
↻	(WPS)	On/Off	It turns on when a wireless device has been successfully connected to the network via WPS. After about 5 minutes, the WPS LED will turn off.
		Slow Flash	A wireless device is trying to connect to the network via WPS. This process may take up to 2 minutes.
○	(USB on the rear panel)	Off	No USB device is plugged into the USB port.
		On	There is USB device(s) plugged into the USB port(s).